

UPSET OLD RULES

FOR GRAND CIRCUIT

Harness Horsemen Make Radical and Sweeping Revision of Former Regulations.

MAKE IMPORTANT CHANGES

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 14.—Not in all the years of its history has the Grand Circuit made such sweeping changes in its rules as were passed yesterday. The special committee appointed several weeks ago submitted a dozen or more rules that

vitally affect the interest of the horsemen, and all were adopted without change. The new regulations provide:

Every member of the Grand Circuit each year shall close its early closing events 126 days before the opening of its race meeting.

Entrance fee on every horse named in early closing events shall be three per cent. of the purse, payable in three instalments of 1 per cent. each, with 7 per cent. additional from money winners.

in sweepstakes races that may be given in place of stakes, at least \$500 shall be added and the payments shall be three of \$50 each.

Where two or more horses are entered and start in a race from the same stable, or are owned by the same man, they shall be coupled in the betting and in the penalties.

Only the winner of a race at -- be penalized with a record; records made in performances against time and in public races by non-race winners shall not be considered a bar to eligibility to races.

A horse that has started in two consecutive races and is outside of the money shall be allowed to start in his next race in a class two seconds lower than his best record; if he has started in three consecutive races and won no money he shall be allowed three seconds and if he has started in four, four seconds. A horse granted any of these allowances shall, on winning a race, be eligible only to the class in which his record entitles him to start.

The entry fee in late closing purses shall be 5 per cent. of the purse. Two horses from the same stable may be entered in the same purse for one entry fee of 5 per cent. and for each additional two entries or fraction thereof made in the same class from the same stable, an additional fee of 5 per cent. must be paid.

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